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SUBJ: APARTHEID COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON DAVIS CUP

FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 7 BY APARTHEID COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN OGBU.

QUOTE: I HAVE LEARNT WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE ALL-
INDIA LAWN TENNIS FEDERATION HAS DECIDED NOT TO PLAY SOUTH
AFRICA IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE DAVIS CUP TENNIS COMPETITION.
THIS COMMENDABLE DECISION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OLYMPIC
PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN SPORT AND THE RESOLUTIONS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT
OF RACIALLY-SELECTED SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS TEAMS.

AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE NOTED THAT BASIL REAY, THE BRITISH
SECRETARY OF THE DAVIS CUP NATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE,
IS REPORTED TO HAVE PRESSED THE ALL-INDIA LAWN TENNIS
FEDERATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO REVERSE THEIR
DECISION. WALTER E. ELCOCK, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT OF THE
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INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS FEDERATION, IS REPORTED TO HAVE

WARNED THAT INDIA FACED POSSIBLE CENSURE OR DISCIPLINARY
ACTION FOR REFUSING TO PLAY WITH APARTHEID.

I HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE DAVIS CUP NATIONS, WILL TAKE URGENT STEPS TO DRAW
THE ATTENTION OF THEIR LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS TO THE
RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PERSUADE
THEM TO EXCLUDE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAMS FROM THE DAVIS CUP TENNIS
COMPETITION SO LONG AS RACIAL SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION
ARE PRACTISED IN TENNIS CLUBS IN SOUTH AFRICA. UNQUOTE
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